Unutilised Irrigation Project

643. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 1600 crores has been locked up in unutilised irrigation projects in the country at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the state-wise and project-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K THUNGON): (a) to (c) 158 major, 226 medium and 98 extension/renovation/modernisation (ERM) irrigation projects envisacing ultimate irrigation potential of 24812000 hectares and estimate to cost Rs. 65,576 crores spilled over into VIII Plan. VIII Plan outlay for these projects is Rs. 22,400 crores against an amount of Rs. 40,563 crores required for their completion. The statewise details of the ongoing major, medium and ERM projects are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No. 13].

Keeping in view the project-wise VIII Plan outlay, 55 major, 98 medium and and 15 ERM projects are scheduled for completion in the VIII Plan.

Irrigation is a State subject and irrigation projects are planned, funded and formulated by the States out of their Plan resources. However, to ensure timely completion of irrigation projects the Central Water Commission has been entrusted with monitoring of selected projects.

Rushikulya Irrigation Project

644 SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rushikulya Irrigation Project in Orissa has been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan period under the command Area Development Prog-

(b) if so, the irrigation potential of that project;

(c) the funds allocated therefor during the Eighth Plan period; and

(d) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Irrigation Potential of the project is 61,230 hectares during Kharif and 6,000 hectares during Rabi.

(c) No funds have been allocated during the 8th Plan.

(d) The project was included under CAD programme in August 1994. Only topographical survey and alignment is under progress as preliminary work

Funds for completion of SYL Canal

645. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released Rs. 600 crores to Punjab Government for the completion of the S.Y.L. Canal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) by which date the remaining work of the S.Y.L. Canal situated in Punjab territory is likely to be complated;

(c) what is the total damage/wear and tear caused to the built portion in Punjab/Haryana Territory;

(d) what is the total cost incurred on the costruction of S.Y.L. Canal in Punjab Portion till date; and

(e) what is the likely estimate of the total cost on the completion of this Canal including the cost overrun in percentage terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K THUNGON): (a) The Central Government has released Rs. 499.12 crores to